ROLLING STOCK USED ON THE COCHIN STATE (METRE GAUGE) RAILWAY—OWNERSHIP, ETC., OF.

318. Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) to whom did the engines, carriage, and other rolling stock, used on the Cochin State Railway during the metre gauge days, belong;

(*b*) if they belonged to the Cochin Government, what has been done with them;

(*c*) if they have been sold, what are the rates at which they have been sold, to whom, and what amount Government realised in the transaction?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): (*a*) At the time of the conversion a portion of the rolling stock on the Shoranur Cochin Railway (Metre Gauge) was owned by the Government, and the remainder was stock hired from the South Indian Railway Company.

(*b*) The stock owned by the Government was sold.

(*c*) Some of the items of stock were sold to the South Indian Railway Company and the rest to private tenderers. The rate for even the same class of vehicles was not uniform, and hence it is not possible to quote the rates. But the total amount credited to Government on this account is Rs. 2,60,604—13—8.

LEPROSY CLINICS—OPENING OF.

319. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to

(*a*) appoint a few leprosy clinics in suitable centres in the State with arrangements for free treatment; and

(*b*) to organise a course of propaganda lectures in suitable centres regarding the causes for the spread of leprosy, methods of prevention, treatment and other allied topics?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*):

(*a*) A few more leprosy clinics have been recently opened in suitable centres in addition to the original 9 leper clinics. Everywhere treatment is given free.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the hon'ble member be pleased to state whether leprosy clinics sanctioned by the Government for Puthussery and Erumapetty have been introduced?

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